

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 94-161 are pending in this application. Claims 155-161 are added by the present response. Claims 124, 129, and 135 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Claims 94-154 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by WO 95/12275 to Cookson et al. (herein “Cookson”).

Addressing first the rejection of claims 124, 129, and 135 under 35 U.S.C. § 101, that rejection is traversed by the present response.

The above-noted claims were rejected as not reciting computer-readable media. In response to that rejection each of claims 124-134 now refers to a “computer readable recording medium” and claims 135-138 now refer to “a processor readable information carrier”. Such subject matter is believed to clearly be statutory, and thus the above-noted rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101 is traversed by the present response.

Addressing now the rejection of claims 94-154 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Cookson, that rejection is traversed by the present response.

With respect to claims 94-134, those claims are amended by the present response to clarify that the control information packet is positioned “directly following” an entry point of the video information. As discussed in the present specification, for example at page 30, line 10 *et seq.*, path information is recorded in packets of control information in segments 52 directly following entry points 51. Thus, in the above-noted claims, directly behind the entry point of the video information control information is provided that in turn includes address information indicative of locations of portions of the video information that are sequentially accessed to generate a version of a video program.

With respect to the claimed “control information packet” the outstanding Office Action cites Cookson at Figures 7A-7B and the corresponding disclosure.¹

In response to that basis for the outstanding rejection, applicants note Cookson does not disclose or suggest the control information being positioned *directly following* an entry point of the video information. At page 4, lines 5-7, Cookson states “the basic technique which is used is to include in each block a code which directs the system to the next block -- either the succeeding block, or one further along the track”. Further, Cookson in the description to Figures 7A-7B merely discloses the use of pointers. However, at no portion does Cookson disclose or suggest that the pointers or any other address information is positioned directly following an entry point of video information.

In such ways, each of claims 94-134 reciting the above-noted feature are believed to clearly distinguish over Cookson.

With respect to claims 135-154, those claims are amended by the present response to clarify that the path information includes positional information of “a previous section entry point and a next section start address of a next section to be reproduced following reproduction of a currently reproducing section”. That is, in those claims, information of both a previous section entry point and a next section start address are provided. As a non-limiting example, the present specification discusses at page 76, line 1 *et seq.* benefits that can be realized in the claimed invention by utilizing information from both a previous section entry point and a next portion start address. Cookson can not realize such benefits, and Cookson is not believed to disclose or suggest any such feature.

In the relied upon disclosure in Cookson at Figures 7A-7B, also relied upon with respect to the claimed “positional information” in claims 135-154, Cookson merely discloses a pointer to a next block. As clearly shown for example in Figure 7B each pointer is a one

¹ Office Action of December 28, 2005, page 3, lines 7-11.

way pointer pointing to a next block to be reproduced. Cookson does not disclose or suggest any structure in which positional information also includes “information of a *previous section entry point*” (emphasis added). Thereby, claims 135-154 as currently written are also believed to distinguish over Cookson.

The present response also sets forth new claims 155-161 for examination that depend on respective independent claims 94, 100, 106, 112, 118, 124, and 129, and that additionally recite “wherein the address information includes a previous portion entry point information and a next portion start address information”. As discussed above with respect to claims 135-154 such a feature is believed to even further distinguish over Cookson.

In view of these foregoing comments, applicants respectfully submit that the claims as currently written distinguish over the applied art.

As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

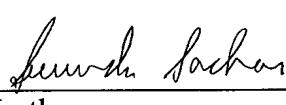
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